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April 27, 2022

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the **Webster County Operations Center** through the Community Facilities account in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Webster County, located at 6333 MS Hwy 9, Walthall, MS 38771

This funding would be used to fund Webster County Operations Center that will include the Webster County Justice Court with Judges, Webster County Board of Supervisors, Webster County Office of Emergency Management, Webster County Sheriff Office, Mississippi Forestry Commission, Webster County School Superintendent, Webster County 911 and other agency partners as needed. This combined Team will be able to effectively coordinate communications, operations, and logistics to ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of all 9,689 residents with a median Webster County household income of \$28,834 on 423 square miles of Webster County Mississippi in responding to daily operations or to any natural and or man-made disaster all under one roof. The Webster County Operations Center will be located adjacent to the Webster County Courthouse on Webster County owned property in the Village of Walthall Mississippi which is the County Seat. An essential element of the Center will be holding cells to accommodate up to thirty people to include those with drug dependences and mental illnesses which currently cannot be achieved, these cells will be utilized by the Webster County Sheriff Department, the Eupora Police Department, the Mathiston Police Department, the Maben Police Department, the Mississippi Highway Patrol, the Natchez Trace Park Service, the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Park Service and the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics. The current facilities are spread across the entire county and have been condemned in 2009 by a Federal Judge and multiple Grand Jury Inspections.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in these projects.

Sincerely,

Trent Kelly
Member of Congress

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